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WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1960

I must apologise for the lateness of my report but I have only recently received the report from the County Medical Officer of Health.

I will begin with the vital statistics for 1960.

There were 40 births (32 last year); 24 deaths (27 last year) of which 12 were male, and 12 female and 1 was under 1 year. Watchet death rate was 8.5, the second lowest in the county, Wells being 8.45. The birth rate was 16.41, about half way of the Somerset figures. The county figures were death 11.12 and birth 16.93.

The causes of death were:-

T. B. Other	1
Measles	1
Cancer of Lung (1 last year)	3
Cancer of Breast	2
Other neoplasms	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2
Coronary Thrombosis	4
Other heart disease	2
Other circulatory disease	1
Bronchitis	2
Stomach ulcer	1
Ill defined diseases	2

Deaths

Men	Women
1 over 80	1 over 90
3 over 70	2 over 80
5 over 60	2 over 70
2 over 50	3 over 60
1 baby	2 over 50
	1 over 40
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Immunisation

Diphtheria 27 under 1
3 at 1
1 at 2

211 children have completed Diphtheria immunisation in the last 5 years.

Whooping Cough 27 under 1 (20 last year)
2 at 1
1 at 2

Small pox 12 under 1 (10 last year)
5 at 1

Polio Born 1943-60 58 (227 last year)) - Primary course
1933-42 16 (134 " ")) of injections.
Age under 40 88 (18 " "))
over 40 2)

234 received 3rd jabs.

Infectious diseases.

Measles	1	(27 last year)
Other T.B.	5	(2 " ")
S. Fever	1	(10 " ")
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	

The water supply was once again quite normal.

The ice cream samples submitted for assay were also up to standard.

Visiting ships and holiday makers presented no difficulties.

Mass X-ray visited us in November 1960. 152 were seen at the Mill and 347 at the Esplanade (at Williton only 299). Of the 152 seen at the Mill only one case of inactive T.B. was found and of the 347 seen at the Esplanade one case of inactive and one case which require occasional supervision were found. In 1958 163 were seen at the Mill and 300 at the Esplanade. In spite of advertising via Schools this last response was little better.

During 1960 the sewerage scheme outfalls to the sea at low water mark were completed to everybody's satisfaction.

I note that the conversion of the old Laurel Cottages were continued during the year.

Once again I would like to give my thanks to my Public Health Inspector and the District nurses for their invaluable help throughout the year.

(Signed) R. J. Lewis

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